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***Rhyzobius chrysolemoides* (Herbst) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) new to Kent.**—On 7.v.2002, I collected a single specimen of *Rhyzobius* from Downham Woodland Walk, near Bromley, in south-east London. When I came to identify it, I thought the upper surface marks looked slightly different to the common *R. litura* (Fab.) and that the underside character of the prosternal carinae made it *R. chrysolemoides* (Hawkins, R. 2001. *British Journal of Entomology and Natural History* 13: 193–195). However, having previously thought I had both species only to discover that I had both sexes of *R. litura*, I sent the specimen to Roger Booth for confirmation.

He almost did not bother to dissect it, because the pronotal shape suggested that it was *R. litura*. However, caution got the better of him and he was able to confirm from the distinctive male genitalia that it was, indeed, *R. chrysolemoides*. My thanks go to him for his help.

Since its discovery, this beetle has been found in several Surrey localities (Hawkins, R. 2000, *Ladybirds of Surrey*, Surrey Wildlife Trust) and in Berkshire (R. Booth, pers. comm.). This appears to be the first Kent record.

Downham Woodland Walk is a narrow zigzag wooded path between dense 1930s housing near Bromley, vice-county 16, 'West Kent'. It is only a few metres wide, but existed as a narrow woodland long before the London urban sprawl engulfed it—it is clearly shown on a map of 1805, bounding the park attached to Southend Manor House and surrounded by open fields. A number of very interesting dead-wood beetles are recorded (Jones, in preparation).

The *Rhyzobius* was collected at the tail end of the walk, where it becomes a mown grass verge under oak and poplar trees and where some hawthorns suggest there was once a hedge. Although I did not record how the specimen was collected (I took it merely as a voucher), it was probably beaten from the hawthorns, which were in flower at the time, or from an ivy-covered log which yielded the 'vulnerable' (RDB2) *Nephus quadrimaculatus* (Herbst) a few days earlier on 2.v.2002.—RICHARD A. JONES, 135 Friern Road, East Dulwich, London SE22 0AZ. Bugmanjones@hotmail.com